SRI M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—

(*a*) Rate Contract for supply of drugs for the year 1978-79 has already been fixed.

(*b*) There is no shortage of drugs and medicines in the Hospital in the State.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to Clause B.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education)—Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Finance, I beg to lay on the Table:

Notification No. FD 110 CSL 78 dated 1st August 1978. regarding exemption of purchase tax payable in sugarcane purchased by Sugar factories in the State under section 39 of the Karnataka Sales Tax Act 1957.

MR. SPEAKER—The paper is laid.

Calling Attention to matter of urgent public importance.

(*i*) *re. Discrimination made between SC/ST and BC's in the appointment of Local Candidates.*

MR. SPEAKER—The Hon. Minister for PWD is not in head quarters. Therefore, the first call attention notice will be held over.

SRI S. S. ARAKERI (Balloli)—I call the artention of the Chief Minister to the discrimination made between SCs/STs and BCs regarding appointment of local candidates.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister)—I wish to make the following statement.

The Karnataka State Civil Services (Direct Recruitment of SCs. STs. and BTs. to Class III Posts) (Special) Rules 1977 which have come into force on 3rd March 1977 provide for regular recruitment of persons belonging to SCs. STs. and BTs. who have or had been appointed as local candidates to Class III Posts on or after 1st April 1972 and before these rules came into force. Persons appointed temporarily for fixed period or for any items of works among others are excluded from the term "Local candidate" as defined under clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of the rules.